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Applicant : Blumenfeld et al.

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For : POLYMORPHIC MARKERS
OF PROSTATE CARCINOMA
ANTIGEN-1 (PCTA-1)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2000, in the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims.

131. (Amended) A method of estimating the frequency of an allele of a PCTA-1-related biallelic marker in a population comprising:

- a) genotyping individuals from said population for said biallelic marker according to the method of claim 121; and
- b) determining the proportional representation of said biallelic marker in said population.[.]